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DNR announces food storage capacity grant offering

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DES MOINES — The DNR is offering a new grant opportunity to help address food waste, an issue that negatively impacts environmental, economic and social sustainability in Iowa and across the country.

The competitive grant opportunity helps efforts to expand storage and cold storage of donated food. Food banks, food pantries and other non-profit organizations receiving donated food for distribution to food insecure lowans are eligible to apply.

Information and application materials can be downloaded under the "food waste" tab at www.iowadnr.gov/FABA.

Applications will be reviewed on an ongoing basis until available funds have been awarded.

DNR enforcement actions

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DES MOINES – DNR staff work with individuals, businesses and communities to help them protect our natural resources by complying with state and federal laws. This approach is very effective. In the few cases where compliance cannot be achieved, the DNR issues enforcement actions. The following list summarizes recent enforcement actions.

For copies of the orders below, contact Kelli Book at <u>Kelli.Book@dnr.iowa.gov</u>. Older actions can be found at <u>www.iowadnr.gov/EnforcementActions</u>.

Consent Orders

A consent order is issued as an alternative to issuing an administrative order. A consent order indicates that the DNR has voluntarily entered into a legally enforceable agreement with the other party.

Plymouth County

Kingsley Sow, LLC

Operate and maintain all structures in compliance with law; hire an engineer to evaluate the pump station and all other pumping at the facility and develop a plan for repairs and improvements; submit plan for approval; and pay a \$5,500 administrative penalty.

Administrative Orders

Responsible parties have 60 days to appeal the order or 60 days to pay the penalty.

Osceola County

Shirley and Larry Krogman
Pay a \$3,000 administrative penalty.

A note on Iowa DNR and COVID-19

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources is working with state and local officials to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and has transitioned employees to work remotely. DNR offices are closed to the public during this time and only available by appointment.

In another effort to further reduce the spread of COVID-19, the DNR is encouraging the use of the online services for submitting applications, payments and other daily tasks and interaction with DNR staff.

- Full list of DNR's online services
- <u>Up-to-date information on DNR services, facilities and events impacted by COVID-</u>
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- Technical information for regulated businesses in regards to COVID-19

We thank you for your patience and flexibility during this time. If you need to contact DNR staff you can reach them by email or phone or by calling 515-725-8200.